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Dear Sir:

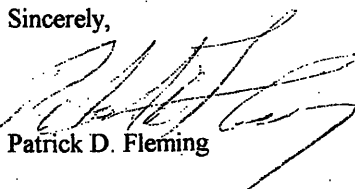
In response to your written inquiry, of 9-2-1999, and our subsequent telephone conversations, I am enclosing a letter I received just prior to the 1998 congressional elections and signed by a certain George Miller ostensibly representing the "East Bay Democratic Committee". Because my district is represented by Congressman George Miller I called his office to determine the legitimacy of the communication in question. They emphatically denied any involvement with the letter or the claims made therein and indicated they would investigate the matter.

I reported the incident by phone to, I believe, state authorities. Subsequently I received a telephone call by someone said to be associated with the alleged East Bay Democratic Committee affirming basically the same information contained in their letter. When I indicated to the caller that I needed to reflect on the matter and asked for a return telephone number to get back to them I was told that they could not comply with that request and they hung up.

I provided copies of the letter to local democratic campaign headquarters. After some checking was done I was told that the John F. Kennedy Dr. address on the letterhead does not exist and that some or all of the calls made were made from out of state.

If in any way I can be of further assistance to you please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

  
Patrick D. Fleming